(vii) 1099 Rs. 6,730— 0—0 ....
1100 ,, 5,160— 0—0 ....
1101 ,, 7,320— 0—0 ....

Pay and allowances.

(viii) 1099 Rs. 54,131—0— 0
1100 ,, 61,018—3— 2
1101 ,, 62,399—1—11

Other expenses not included in any of the sub divisions (except (i).)

1099 Rs. 69,354—10— 7
1100 ,, 66,561— 2— 5
1101 ,, 65,588— 2—11

The Syrian Girls' School, Trichur.

316. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased.—

(1) to place on the table the strength of the few classes in the Syrian Girls' School, Trichur, with the names of the teaching staff and the annual expenditure thereon;

(2) to elucidate this House on the absolute necessity for that institution which is within 10 yards of the St. Thomas' School (attached to the College) half a furlong off the Convent School and one furlong off the Victoria Jubilee Girls' High School and the Sirkar High School;

(3) to say if that school could be closed without any great hardship to the public; and to say

(4) how many such schools in such close proximity to any other school there are still in the State in addition to the one under reference?

Mr. C. Matthai.—There is no school now of that name, but there are two schools located in the buildings once occupied by the Syrian Girls' School, viz., the English Girls' School and the Malayalam Girls' School, Trichur. The particulars relating to the strength, staff, etc., of these two schools are given below:—

i. *English Girls' School, Trichur.*

Class.	Strength.	Name of teachers.
4 A.	29	P. Chinnu Amma, Headmistress
4 B.	29	A. Nanikkutti Amma
3 A.	34	Miss E. Muller
3 B.	33	Miss Eliza Muller
2	42	C. Narayanikkutti Amma
1	38	M. Parvati Amma

The probable net expenditure for the current year is Rs. 2,683.

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ii. *Malayalam Girls' School, Trichur.*

Class.	Strength.	Name of teachers.
4	34	M. Narayani Amma, Headmistress
3 A.	29	T. M. Kochukutti Amma
3 B.	32	V. M. Kalliani Amma
2 A.	28	T. M. Narayani Amma
2 B.	30	C. Narayani Amma
2 C.	26	M. Ikkavu Mannadissiar
1 A.	32	V. Kochukutti Amma
1 B.	28	V. Lakshmikkutti Amma
1 C.	27	I. Kamalam Amma

The probable expenditure for the year is Rs. 2,574.

(2) and (3). The St. Thomas' High School is not intended for girls, nor does it give free instruction in Malayalam to poor pupils. The English Girls' School has become a branch of the Victoria Girls' High School, since the primary department of the latter school has been abolished.

Enquiries were made regarding the abolition of the English Girls' School, but certain important sections of the public were found to be opposed to the idea.

Proximity to another does not make a school superfluous. Government think it a waste of time and labour to gather full information about such schools as long as there is necessity for them.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether there are any girls in the school?

Mr. C. Matthai.—If it is not intended for girls; there cannot be girls in the school.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there not girls studying in the St. Thomas' High school?

Mr. C. Matthai.—As far as I know, there are no girls. If the Member is in possession of information about it, he will please supply.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—"Certain important sections of the public were found to be opposed to the idea." Which were these important sections?

Mr. C. Matthai.—For instance, there was a section of the Christian community.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Can the Government place the papers of this enquiry on the table?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The enquiry was conducted by the Inspector. I have no objection to place the papers on the table.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The question of finance should have precedence over time. Hence my question.

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Mr. C. Matthai.—It serves no purpose whatsoever. As the Member himself pointed out, they are within a few yards of each other.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has the Government gathered information as to whether the nearness of the two schools does not make one superfluous ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—What is the earthly necessity of gathering information of that kind?

The special fee for Commercial students.

317. Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state as to whether any special fee has been introduced for attending the commercial section in the High Schools of our State; if so, when was it first introduced and what is the special purpose for which it was introduced;

(b) is there any such fee imposed upon students studying for any of the Sciences;

(c) what is the approximate average expenditure for apparatus for a physical Science student of the Upper Secondary standard as well as that for a commercial student of the same standard in a school of a dozen students of each section for a period of ten years;

(d) are pupils attending commercial classes eligible for collegiate course in any section;

(e) seeing that only students who are from poverty or other cause unable to go in for higher studies go in for commercial course, and also considering that the Science section is not charged with any special fee, and in face of the universal cry of unemployment among the educated classes, how does the Government justify its action in this respect ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes; it was introduced in Thulam 1101, so as to make up a portion of the amount spent by Government on type-writers and accessories.

(b) No.

(c) Rs. 40 each.

(d) Not at present.

(e) No justification seems called for. Time alone can show whether the measure is not well conceived.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—Sub-division (c)—Rupees 40. Is it after the imposition of the fee ? What is the approximate expenditure for a Physical Science student and a Commercial student in a school of a dozen students ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The answer is Rs. 40 each.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—I think the answer is Rs. 40 for each student. Is it after the imposition of fee for the Commercial student or prior to its imposition ?

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